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VII.

Plain and forcible language used with Reference to Cuba and Mexico.

VIII.

Secretary Bristow's Estimates for the Year Ending June 30, 1877.

IX.

GENERAL NOTICES.

REAL ESTATE.

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nows the navy, the ordinary and special outlays for which amount together to £1,551,000. Germany is happy in the insignificance of its debt, which only involves a charge of £1,000,000. All the government departments and most modest in their demands is the Foreign Office, which is the most costly, only requiring £278,000 for its maintenance. The Chancellery of the Empire costs but £200,000. Great as this sum is, it is impossible to conceive that it may not be more than ornamental adjuncts to the Bureaucratic departments of the Prussian Government, that is still a most moderate cost. No other country can get its civil service so easily, and the cost of its government is great, because of stored resources with its rivals on the Continent do not possess. Whether with the changes that increased wealth is introducing into the social life of the country and the world, making it a more and more possible to maintain the cost of ruling at so low a pitch is most doubtful, but while it last the parsimony of the Empire is a distinct middle-weight. Its political economy is the tax on the people, and the revenue is a tax on the people, and must make the burden of the Empire imperceptible if the local taxes are not oppressive. One and a half of the customs dues for the other countries of course, are sufficient to yield £1,130,000. Post and telegraphs furnish £232,000, railways £474,000, the proceeds of the invalid fund investment £1,440,000. Commerce, interest on loans, and the like, add up to about £730,000, and so forth, the income being, outside the customs dues and stamp taxes, mostly derived from special sources or monopolies not affecting the well-being of the people to any appreciable extent. The income and expenditure balance each other almost to a pound.

VON ARMIN'S PANOPHLET.

Berlin Correspondent.—The pamphlet was published in Zurich under the title "Pro Nihilo! Vorgetheile des Armin'schen Prozesses" and as the present is the "first part" only we may consider it as the first of a series. The question whether Count Armin be the author or not of the latest contribution to the history of this strangest of all public trials is a mere question of words, for it is evident that it is Armin's. The pamphlet is well written, and at least furnished all the materials used by the writer.

At this moment the book is not to be had for love of money in all Berlin. The price is 100 marks, and only two were sent through the post by way of an experiment to test the power of endurance possessed by the police, and these few copies were at once snapped up by the relatives and intimate friends of the author. The price, however, has been enormous, and the hands of the booksellers echo with the toll of transcribing orders for the next batch, which must be sent to him immediately. The price, and may be distributed forthwith, if no upward accident intervenes.

With regard to Prince Bismarck's supposed share of power and influence in the publication of this pamphlet, Armin's succeeds to say such an event is far from being improbable. Many quite recent facts have been adduced in its favor. Among other things we learn that, in a communication with certain leading Conservatives, the Prince and himself in his signature terms, the reverse of complimentary, with regard to the Liberal Deputy Lasker, and it is furthermore affirmed that this recent onslaught must be regarded as the work of Bismarck. For this and his friends through the medium of the press was at the instigation of the Chancellor himself, who is reported, moreover, to have in a private conversation with his own Chancellor, the act of folly (one's own).

But, admitting the probability of such a conversion on the Prince's part, Count Armin's spokesman argues that the time has gone by when such an alliance with Bismarck would be of any possible value. Having lost all which is contained in my gone times, the Conservative party, or what remains of it, has only one task left, and that is to secure the object which it has always been able to accomplish, i.e., political freedom; and to expect to attain this end with the help of a Bismarck would be sheer madness.

I am compelled to confide within the brief space at my command the contents of a book of 272 pages in which, besides a quantity of new matter, all the old scandals connected with this affair are raised up, and set before the public, and that proof is offered to the country, directed to his friends. Several of the letters were addressed to the lady in question, and others to his partner and other business men of the city. From this circumstance it is believed that SUCIDE WAS PREPARED.

The letters were gathered together, placed in a book found in his pocket, and the package was carefully sealed to await the result of his trial.

Immediately after the shooting a suspicion was cast upon the lady in his room at the time he had done it. This he denied, but, as he was in her room, he was excluded in Texas, and that it was expected that more energetic measures would be used by the Mexican authorities. Lafraga replied that his Government had done all that it could to sink him, and he had been suffering for eight weeks from a sense of accusation, and that AS A LAST RESORT HE SHOT HIMSELF.

He appeared perfectly sane and conscious, and wanted the reporter to tell him what he had done, but he had no time to do so. He told the doctor that he was a newspaper man, and had seen a great deal of trouble. Miss Ferguson remained by him from the time of the shooting, but took the precaution to seek for the medical advice of the physicians, and manifested a strong interest and solicitude throughout.

He was upon his deathbed, and his condition highly responsible. He was a nephew of Dr. J. B. Bell, of this city, and came to Texas a few years ago from Dundee, New York. He was a sober, industrious, upright young man, and a student of law. He had been very poor in various capacities prior to starting business for himself. A few months ago he met with a mishap, being

SCULPTURE IN THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

Brussels, Dec. 6.—The sculptor of the monuments of the merchants and manufacturers of Bloomington to-night, artistes of incorporation for a narrow-gauge railroad from the eastern line of McLean County to the Illinois River, to pass through this city and connect on the east and west with other lines, so as to form part of a through line, were adopted, and the company will be formed at once. A number of people from the interest of a narrow-gauge line from Elgin to Bloomington, and from Elgin to the subject of the affair.

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MOYICKER'S THEATRE—Madison street, between Dearborn and State. Engagement of May Howard. "The New Magdalene."

WOOD'S MUSEUM—Monroe street, between Dearborn and State. Afternoon, "Cynthia." Evening, "Six Degrees of Crime."

PARK CHURCH—Concerts by the Barnabas Troop.

UNITY CHURCH—Lecture by W. M. French. Subject: "The Arctic Quanities of the Caucasus."

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

ATTENTION, SIR KNIGHTS!—Annual Conclave of Apollo Knights, No. 1, K. T., at the "Tuxedo" and 8 o'clock, Saturday evening, for the transaction of Annual Business. Visiting Sir Knights cordially invited. By order of the E. C. B. W. LOCKE, Recorder.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 38, F. and A. M., Regular Meeting this (Tuesday) evening, in the Room of the Lodge on the 3d floor. The Fraternity cordially invited. C. H. CRANE, Sec.

The Chicago Tribune.

Tuesday Morning, December 7, 1875.

The Signal Service report indicates continued rain, with winds back to the north west, and colder weather.

Gold-exchange, at the New York Gold Exchange yesterday, opened at \$75, rose to \$75, fell to \$75, and closed a shade under the last figure.

At a gathering of some 200 Methodist clergymen in Boston yesterday, Bishop HAVEN broached the proposition that President GRANT be nominated for a third term. The Bishop's answer was a unanimous Amen! The occurrence may be set down as significantly complimentary rather than politically consequential.

In the election of Commissioner JOHNSON as President, the new Board of County Commissioners offer but little encouragement for the expectation that the reorganization of the Board will put an end to the domination of the Ring. Taking as an indication the previous predictions of the new presiding officer, there is no reason to anticipate a better state of things during the ensuing year than that which prevailed during the existence of the preceding Board. It is evident that there will still remain a need for the watchfulness of the Citizens' Association in order to prevent frequent raids on the sequestered Ring upon the County Treasury.

The annual report of the Secretary of War contains many important recommendations, notably those relating to the value and efficiency of the Signal Service, and the suggestion in order to prevent frequent raids on the sequestered Ring upon the County Treasury.

There has been for some time in the public mind a conviction and all-prevailing that the Civil Service of the country has not been directed from considerations of public good, but from those of party profit, and for corrupt, selfish, and unprincipled designs. The people demand at our hands a sweeping away of all that will be considered in a spirit that will secure the appointment to places of trust and responsibility the honest, the experienced, and the capable.

This conviction has been profound and all-pervading not only for "some time," but for many years. It has existed ever since the days of ANDREW JACKSON's Presidency, when the Democratic party destroyed the Civil Service, and adopted as a party motto: "To the victors belong the spoils." When they adopted this ruinous policy, they made office-holding purely partisan in character, and they carried out that policy from 1828 to 1861 with such completeness that, during all that time, there was not an office-holder under the Federal Government who held his place because of his ability to fill it, but because he was a Democratic partisan. During all these years they have carried out this policy, not only in the offices under the Federal Government, but in State, county, municipal, and town offices, wherever they have been in power. Every office has been filled with partisans for partisan purposes. Men of ability, and intelligence, and honesty have been ruthlessly turned out to make room for partisans. The very caucus which Mr. LAMAR was addressing is a notable illustration of the truth of this assertion. Every office which it had in its gift, down to the Doorkeeper, was tendered to a partisan, and even a partisan Chaplain was selected to pray for them and look after their religious interests who had made himself so obnoxious in Connecticut during the War by his "political principles," of course, meaning sympathy with the attempt to break up the Federal Government. In discussing and advocating reform in the Civil Service, therefore, Mr. LAMAR is handling edged tools. If there is any application to be made to his remarks upon this question, it can only be a censure of the Democratic spoils policy and practice ever since the party was organized, forty-seven years ago.

But again says Mr. LAMAR:

The grandest inspiration of the Democratic party is its crowning glory will be, to restore the Constitution to its primitive strength and authority, and to make it the protector of every section and of every interest. The party is to be the being, of every race, color, and condition, in the land. Gentlemen, we are here as Democrats, members of a political party which has a long and glorious history,

May. Oats were quiet and easier, closing at 30c cash, and 30c for January. Barley was quiet at 67c@68c. Barley was in better demand and firmer, closing at 85c for December, and 86c for January. Hogs were dull and 10c lower for Saturday, with the bulk of the sales at \$6.65@6.85. Cattle were inactive and unchanged. Sheep were dull at \$3.00@4.50. One hundred dollars in gold would buy \$114.37 in greenbacks at the close.

The resignation of the Hon. Jasen D. WARD as United States Attorney for this district has not been unexpected. It has been known that, among the recent indictments by the United States Grand Juries for fraud on the revenue, there have been persons with whom Mr. WARD, as a resident and lawyer of Chicago, has had intimate social and professional relations in the past. If he had retained his position as the prosecuting attorney for the Government, his duty in some of these cases would have been exceedingly embarrassing on his account; and even if he had the exceptional fortitude to press them to trial with the care and vigor which have been shown in St. Louis, he would have been subjected to many suspicions on account of the relations we have described.

Mr. C. HUCK, the new County Treasurer, formally took possession of his office yesterday, having duly qualified by taking the oath and giving the requisite bonds. Mr. HUCK's first act was to count the money left by his predecessor, "Buffalo" MILLER, which was found to be \$259,034.99, a full and complete settlement with the county and State. While we congratulate Mr. HUCK upon taking possession, we congratulate Mr. MILLER upon going out with honor. THE TRIBUNE did not believe at the time the stories that were circulated against him for "campaign purposes," and therefore refused to give currency or countenance to them. The warning afforded by D. A. GAGE was heeded by Mr. MILLER to such good purpose that he is able to leave his office with clean skirts, and to turn over every dollar belonging to the county promptly on demand.

MR. LAMAR'S SPEECH.

The New York World sings an exciting psalm of triumph over the speech delivered by Mr. LAMAR, as Chairman of the Democratic Congressional caucus, on Saturday last. It is the first time it has had to sing for many years, and, while we have no objection to its singing, it may be instructive to find out what it is singing about. By way of preface, we are willing to admit that Mr. LAMAR is one of the ablest, most polished, fairest-minded, and most influential men in the South. He stood high in the old Congress before the War. He is a man of fine ability and eloquent address, and is eloquent of speech. He went into the Rebellion with much reluctance, according to his own representation. He is not a hater of the North, nor a man who cherishes resentments, and is perhaps as fair a type of a "reconstructed Rebel" as the South can present among its most prominent men. As such he was put forward by the Congressmen who were true to the Union. But, even under this restriction, it is evident that a vehicle was furnished for disloyal claims to get a hearing, and many of them on an uncontested *ex parte* statement. There have been 22,000 claims presented to this Commission, aggregating more than \$60,000,000. While the great bulk of these has been disallowed on account of disloyalty, there is little doubt that men in open rebellion against the Government or in full sympathy with the Rebels either loyal or disloyal, but will be divested of all these claims.

Mr. LAMAR's speech will arouse a cordial and responsive echo in every Democratic heart from Maine to Texas, from New York to California." What are the propositions that are going to produce this remarkable effect? It is easy to sift out those to which the Republican party will make no objection, and which we are glad to see going to the Democratic caucus. They are the propositions to be adopted by the Chairman of the caucus without any opposition upon the part of either of the three candidates for the Speaker or their backers. He represented the majority sentiment of the caucus, and, as far as he was allowed to, the Democratic platform and policy of the House of Representatives.

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And the District-Attorney Replied by Sending on His Resignation by Telegraph.

What the Sufferer, His Friends, and Others Think About the Cause of It.

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The Report of Babcock's Indictment Not Yet Verified

Things Going Crookedly at Milwaukee — The Phenomenal Net of Justice.

The Whales and Sharks Swim Through Its Meshes, While Minnows Flounder.

DISTRICT-ATTORNEY WARD.

THE CAUSE OF IT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—The reason of the appeal, in the commencement of the suit, in the revenue cases has been due largely to the want of confidence in the personal freedom of District-Attorney Ward from complications of a business character with whisky establishments more or less involved. Within a few days facts have been laid before the President and Secretary of the Treasury of such conclusive character as to lead the Department to decide on the removal of Ward, which will take effect as soon as a successor has been selected. The later is, perhaps, a more difficult business than would be supposed. Other persons somewhat prominent in whisky-making establishments which have not figured conspicuously in the discussions or criminal prosecutions.

The rumors which have for several days been in circulation concerning Chicago officials were yesterday furthered by the arrival of a portion of a letter from Washington, which, when received by Jasper D. Ward, found him in full possession of the office of District-Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; and which, when read, pondered, and answered, relegated him to private life.

The letter was of the briefest, and, written by a secretary, was signed by Edward Pierpont, Attorney-General, and dated Dec. 3. It recited simply that the President was of the opinion that the remainder of the office was to be re-ordered. Of the 16 iron-clad vessels, 21 iron-clad monitors, and 9 iron-clad monitors, 10 iron-clad monitors, and 9 iron-clad monitors. All available, including 16 iron-clad monitors. Details are given of a fleet on each of the six

the following to say upon our iron-clad monitors, we are able to report that the longer and more efficient course has been at any time since of your Administration. It is in the iron-clad monitors, and what there are of them as to what are of them as to what is practicable to be done under the various circumstances, in the case, constitutes a question. A question than usual of our ready for service. Our iron-clad monitors are all in the iron-clad monitors, and a fair supply of the best training and repair of ships are placed in this state of affairs, but not in the case of under special appropriation, from the current appro- priations made during the same time, notwithstanding what was said as it existed in as

good condition. Ships and monitors at com- mands of the policy would be the strength of our force. Ward made his report, and the two double-hulled monitors are finished according to our iron-clad fleet would be the place where they followed each other in and out of the office they set the District-Attorney, and him they had been with questions until a nervous man would have been driven to distraction. The subject did not, however, seem to care very much about it, and took the infliction with great good humor. With his feet upon the desk, and safely ensconced in a narrow corner, he leaned back in his chair of office and pleasantly an- swered the questions as far as he could, or as he chose to. Of course a TARNUM reporter was among the others, and, perched upon a narrow and unpleasant window-sill, he pro- posed a formal note to the Attorney-General, to be read by me, which the subject was set forth in short, sharp, and decisive manner.

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Mr. Ward—No intention to that effect was ever communicated to me by anybody.

There was some time ago a report that you intended to resign to accept another position of more pay and less time; was there any- thing in that?

Mr. Ward—Yes, that is a hard question to answer, as far as I know. My Ward's probable successor would be him. He replied that several names had been mentioned in connection with the office, the most prominent among which were Mr. D. C. Babcock, and Mr. D. C. Dyer, and that he could not afford to remain in the position. The subject was unable to say.

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The Produce Markets Irregular—Provisions Active and Easier.

Wheat Again Very Weak—Other Grain Steadier.

FINANCIAL.

The clearings were comparatively large, but did not signify anything in the way of a general business. The total amount of discounts made was very slight yesterday. On account of the independent condition of the mercantile interests of the city, the singular stagnation in the grain and provisions market, and the backwardness of the packing season, there is less than usual business in the discount department.

The market for currency did little more than offset the receipts from that source.

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RAILROAD ACCOUNTS.

The *Railroad Gazette* of last week refers to the plan of Mr. Charles F. Adams, for retaining the railroads in the hands of the nation, and for making their management a public trust and intelligible to the public.

It likes its simplicity, and thinks it efficacious and in harmony with the principles of our Government. Legislation will be needed, of course, to carry out this reform. While this is under way, a good deal could be done to check the present course of the railroads.

The New York Exchange would take advantage for the benefit of its members and the public of the agreement with the corporations on its list which permits it to call for any information that the Governing Board think necessary for the protection of the buyers and sellers of stock.

The agreement is as follows:

At least ten days before the date for and in consideration of the New York Stock Exchange having placed our stocks on the list of securities dealt in at the New York Stock Exchange, we will furnish to it, or furnish, without further notice to the Secretary of State, a statement of the earnings and expenses of this company at least once in each month.

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THAT BRIDGE.

The popular disposition, clearly, is to expect too much from the bridge, and to expect too much from the way it is to be built.

It is to be while to reimburse the vast

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